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In re application of :  
Johannes PLATZEK et al. : Examiner: Wells  
Serial No.: 09/672,049 : Art Unit: 1619  
Filed: September 29, 2000 :  
For: **GALENICAL FORMULATIONS**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated 19 November 2001, Applicant's hereby elect with traverse Group III, claims 1,4-5,11-16 and 21, as defined in the Office Action.

As a single species of Group III, election is made of claim 16.

Contrary to the assertion in the Office Action, the subject matter of Groups I to VII, and X to XI is directed to a single searchable class. The formulations of Groups I to VII, and X to XI comprise paramagnetic and diamagnetic perfluoroalkyl-containing substances. All of the claims encompassed by Groups I to VII, and X to XI (formulations, methods to use and methods to manufacture) depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and all require both components in the formulations. In addition, all of the formulations encompassed by Groups I to VII and X to XI exhibit a community of properites and show surprising advantages in their use as contrast media in nuclear spin tomography.

Furthermore, it has not been established clearly that an undue searching burden would be required to examine all of the claims.

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is earnestly solicited, or modification to combine Groups I to VII, and X to XI.

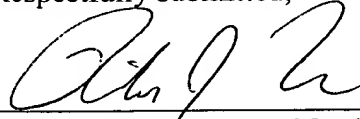
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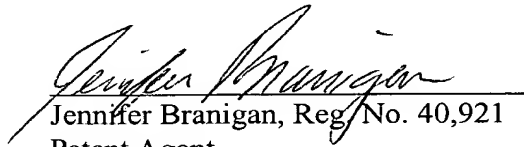
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A check for the amount of 110.0 for a one month extension of time is attached, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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